

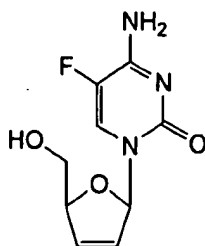
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for the preparation of a compound of Formula

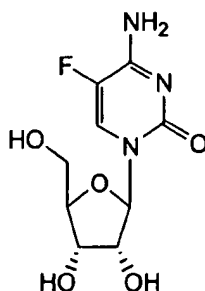
(IV):



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comprising:

(1) contacting a compound of Formula (I):



(I)

with an acyl halide of Formula Q-C(=O)X, wherein:

Q is 2-(R¹CH₂CO₂)phenyl-, R¹CH₂-, or R¹CH₂C(=O)OC(R²)₂-;

X is Cl, Br, or I;

R¹ is H or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R², at each occurrence, is independently selected from methyl, ethyl, and propyl;

in a suitable polar aprotic solvent at a temperature from about 0°C to 60°C to form a

compound of Formula (II), a compound of

Formula (II*), or a mixture of compounds of Formula (II) and (II*):